

July 2, 2018 AAMS Board Meeting

Date: July 5, 2018

From: William Fort, AAMS Secretary
To: AAMS Officers and Board of Directors
Subject: July 2, 2018 AAMS Board Meeting

Held by teleconference from 11 am to approximately 12:30 pm Eastern time, AAMS President Lee Downer presiding.

Attendees:

- Lee Downer, President
- David Ball, Vice President
- William Fort, Secretary
- Steve Reinhard, Treasurer
- James Graue, Immediate Past President
- David Crotty, Director
- Don Jones, Director
- Dan Gribbin, Director

Approval of Minutes

May 25, 2018 BOD minutes approved with exception that David Ball did not attend.

Publications Committee Report – Dan Gribbin

Experience of other societies wanting to cut publication costs discussed. Proposals advanced to offset cost of providing hard-copy Air Post Journals to members (ca. \$55 per vs. \$30 domestic member dues), including:

- Add \$35 per year to basic dues
- Offer PDF versions on website and increase dues by \$20 for members desiring hard copies
- Count hits on PDF APJ (if possible)
- Poll AAMS members

ACTION: Dan to firm up three proposals for detailed consideration

ACTION: Attendees to communicate preferences to Lee.

Website Committee Report – David Ball

Wizard Consulting chosen to remake website, basis re-doing USPCS, USSS, CCNY and Philatelic Foundation websites. Statement of work in progress. David Crotty will prepare text using Wordpress.

Features of revised website may include:

- APJ & Jack Knight on-line & searchable
- PayPal link
- Website search capability
- Discussion feed
- AAMS contacts
- Membership application (fill-able?)
- Auction (on-line bidding?)
- E-store.

BETA version expected in a few weeks. Completion in three months.

ACTION: Attendees to send their website wants and needs to David Ball.

ACTION: David Ball to check with Judy Washington.

Fundraising Drive – Lee Downer

Proposal to create a foundation for ongoing funding of AAMS. Focus on bequests from members. Aim to implement by AAMS centennial in five years.

ACTION: Attendees to feedback to Lee.

Roundtable Discussion - All

David Ball - requests attendees to identify members to Beta test the new website.

Bill Fort - requests members to suggest candidates to eventually fill the treasurer's role in future. Bill will ask on AAMS FACEBOOK page.

Don Jones - asks for correction St. Louis expo date in the APJ.

Lee Downer – requests volunteer to man AAMS table at the August 11 College Park Airport event.